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FOR C/ACC/WAB, AID; SER/FM/RSD, AID/W (FOR BERRY); AND AF/W-DARIS

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SUBJ: SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES IN IVORY COAST

REF: A. ABIDJAN 1574; B. ABIDJAN 7559; C. ABIDJAN 8413;

D. STATE 214959

1. FISCAL DATA: PER TELEGRAPHIC AND VERBAL REQUESTS FROM SER/FM/RSD, AID/W FOR CURRENT EMBASSY FISCAL DATA ON SELF-HELP PROJECTS AND FURTHER TO REFS A AND B, THERE FOLLOWS AN UP-DATE ON FY 73 AND EARLIER PROJECTS NOT ALREADY INDICATED FOR DE-OBLIGATION.

OBLIGATION NO. DOLLAR BALANCE COMMENT

2681100	347.83	ALLOW BALANCE TO REMAIN
3681010	0.31	MAY BE DEOBLIGATED
3681020	3.34	MAY BE DEOBLIGATED
3681030	1,490.24	ALLOW BALANCE TO REMAIN
3681040	0.05	MAY BE DEOBLIGATED
3681050	0.05	MAY BE DEOBLIGATED
3681060	3,248.26	ALLOW BALANCE TO REMAIN
3681070	18.65	MAY BE DEOBLIGATED

EMBASSY IS INVESTIGATING WHY CURRENT BALANCES REMAIN IN PROJECTS 2681100, 3681030, AND 3681060 AND WILL INFORM SER/FM/RSD OF ITS FINDINGS.

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2. CURRENT ACTIVITIES: DURING END FY 73 AND BEGINNING FY 74

IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO EMBASSY OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND FOLLOW-THROUGH OF SELF-HELP PROJECTS THAT THE NEED AND DEMAND FOR MORE SELF-HELP MONIES IN IVORY COAST IS INCREASING. A. ALTHOUGH NOT WITHIN THE DROUGHT STRICKEN SAHEL, IVORY COAST HAS FELT THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT, OFTEN DIRECTLY THROUGH WATER SHORTAGES AND CROP DAMAGE AND INDIRECTLY THROUGH INCREASED MIGRATION INTO THE COUNTRY BY NEIGHBORING POPULATIONS. EVEN WITHOUT THE ADDED BURDEN OF THE DROUGHT, THE VARIOUS SOUS-PREFECTURES OF IVORY COAST ARE INCREASINGLY STRAPPED FOR FUNDS FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST PROJECT AS GOIC MONIES ARE MAINLY DIRECTED TOWARDS THE PRIORITY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THUS, DESPITE GOIC EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AREAS THE NEED SCHOOLS, MATERNITIES, DISPENSARIES, ETC., FUNDS ARE FREQUENTLY NOT AVAILABLE TO REALIZE THESE PROJECTS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES. B. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUING SEARCH FOR NEW, VIABLE SELF-HELP PROJECTS IN IVORY COAST. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS (AND HELPING TO SEE THEM THROUGH TO COMPLETION). AS A RESULT, THE EMBASSY HAS MANY POTENTIAL PROJECTS (RURAL TRAINING CENTERS, COFFEE/COCOA CO-OPERATIVE WAREHOUSES, DISPENSARIES, SCHOOLROOMS, MATERNITIES, MARKET PLACES, ETC.) WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY. SINCE SELF-HELP REPRESENTS THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CONTINUING BILATERAL US ASSISTANCE TO IVORY COAST AND IS DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE SELF-HELP ALLOCATION FOR FY 74 CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED OVER PREVIOUS LEVELS (REF. C).

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